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THE POINT THEN AND NOW

Top: The Point in 1901 in its original location at the foot of Oyster Bay Drive and Avenue of Two Rivers before it was separated and moved. Bottom: The two sections of The Point, "reunited" after nearly 100 years. Left: The main section of The Point has been at 121 Avenue of Two Rivers since the mid-1920s. Right: One section of The Point is now located at 77 Waterman Avenue.

ALL ABOUT RUMSON

THE POINT PART III

Over the past year, we have followed the history of a mansion that once stood on the banks of the Shrewsbury River between Oyster Bay Drive and Avenue of Two Rivers South. When Mr. and Mrs. John Viotor purchased The Point from Mrs. William E. Strong in 1921, they replaced the beautiful mansion that had been on the property since 1896 with a home that they had purchased from Dr. Walker Gill Wylie in December of 1919. The story of that edifice, also called The Point, will be explored in our next issue. For this installment, we will follow The Point, the 1896 mansion, to its current *locations*.

And so the tale of "The Point" moves about a mile up Avenue of Two Rivers and about a mile east to Waterman Avenue. William Hintelmann had Jessie Howland, a well known house mover, move the mansion from its site. It is not clear why, but a wing of the structure was removed at that time, taken to West Park and placed on a property on the Shrewsbury River owned by Mr. Howland. This is now #77 Waterman Avenue.

The largest portion of The Point has been at # 121 Avenue of Two Rivers for all of the years since the move. The home is somewhat hidden by the hedges that border the front of the property just three doors south of the Oceanic Free Library. Upon its relocation, it immediately needed a basement, foundations and construction work to close up the three story opening left when the wing of the building was removed. At this time or soon thereafter, a room was added to replace part of the missing section and make the house ready for occupancy. By a deed of December 15, 1927, Frank and Corinne S. Finlaw purchased the house from William Hintelmann and William Mears; the price was \$22,500.

With his friend, Charles Mueller, Frank L. Finlaw was a partner in Finlaw, Mueller and Co., an investment firm, and he partnered with J. Louis Hay in Fin Hay Realty. Both businesses had their offices in Newark. He and his wife also kept a residence in East Orange. They had two daughters, Jean and Frances. Jean married J.B.H. Carter of Chester, PA at St. George's by the River on Jan. 18, 1936 and resided in Newtown Square, Pa. Her husband was a partner in the law firm of Evans, Bayard and Frick in Philadelphia. Frances married Harry Durand, Jr. of Shrewsbury at Grace Episcopal Church in Orange in September of 1928 and, by the time of her sister's 1936 wedding, had been married again to Edward H. Carle and was residing in Smithtown, L.I. The Finlaws were active socially in the area and can be found in contemporary newspaper articles attending events at Rumson Country Club. They loved the house, surrounded it with beautiful formal gardens and kept it in excellent condition.

Frank L. Finlaw passed away on February 28, 1941, and his wife lived on in the house until her passing on November 23, 1950. To settle her estate, an inventory of all items in the house was done by William H. Hintelmann, who was a Rumson real estate and insurance broker and friend of the Finlaws. His office was just around the corner on Hartshorne Lane. It is interesting to see the values ascribed to the furnishings of such a home in 1950. Mrs. Finlaw was well prepared to do a great deal of formal entertaining; she had service for twelve in china with the same amount of sterling silver. A dozen sterling oyster forks were valued at \$6.00, and a sterling cocktail shaker was worth \$30.00. She had two dozen crystal champagne glasses (\$50.) and a dozen of every other type of crystal needed for fine entertaining. A Steinway grand piano (\$175.) graced the "music room", and an arm chair, two tiered mahogany table and a wall mirror made the "telephone room" comfortable. A 16x26 oriental carpet (\$1,000.) and runner filled part of the commodious

living room along with two sofas, many chairs, many tables and 650 books. Twelve of the bedrooms were furnished. In the garage was a 1940 Cadillac sedan (\$500.) and a 1939 Ford station wagon (\$100.). The furniture and personal items that were on the living floors of the house were all removed when it was sold. But shoe boxes filled with receipts, correspondence and cancelled checks that had been stored in the basement remain in the house today. Finlaw, Mueller and Co. paid New York Telephone \$17.91 for their July, 1928 phone bill. The water bill for the residence was \$9.12 for the month of November in 1934. The gas bill from County Gas Company in Atlantic Highlands was \$12.11 for June of 1935. Five pounds of dog food was \$.95 from Mahoney and Harvey, Inc., a hardware store in Sea Bright.

In 1951, Mrs. Finlaw's Estate sold "The Point" to Mr. and Mrs. Bert J. Lowres for \$28,000. In the 25 years that the Finlaws had lived there, the house had appreciated by less than \$6,000. Because they wanted a large waterfront estate, the Lowres sold the house to Svend and Phillis Hartten in June, 1954. The Harttens had three sons, Rick and twins Phil and Ron, who graduated from RFH in the mid-1950's and early 1960's. Phil Hartten recalls the serendipitous way in which his parents purchased The Point. "My mother took a ride down to the seashore and happened to meet Melba Lowres. Melba and her husband were anxious to sell in order to buy the larger property. My father worked near Rahway for Vulcan Materials and had no interest in moving so far from his job, but Mrs. Lowres suggested that we take a look at the house. We loved it, and the Lowres offered it for 'whatever you can afford to pay'." Phil believes that the price turned out to be \$31,000. Memories of their home include tricycle races and hide and seek games in the basement. Mr. Hartten rented the garage apartment at a minimal rent to "a spinster lady, Miss Pugh." Phil remembers her as the librarian from Oceanic Free Library, which is steps away from The Point, and Rick believes that she was a retired teacher. After their boys grew up and left home, Svend and Phyllis found themselves alone in that large home and moved to a smaller house in Little Silver around 1964.

The next owners, Robert M. Ready and his wife Anne, raised their family of seven spirited children in The Point. It was known as a happy household where the children and their friends enjoyed their spacious home. The Readys created a welcoming home and entertained at wonderful parties. They sold The Point in March of 1981 to Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Love, the current owners. The house needed restoration work. It had been on the market for a great deal of time before the Loves arrived to do battle with the bats and raccoons who had taken up residence in the upper reaches of this fine old mansion. In the 25 years that the Loves have cared for The Point, it has regained much of its former elegance. Windows have been re-



The dining room windows of The Point.

paired rather than replaced, and their distinctive design is still intact. According to Peggy Love, "Windows are the soul of the house; they are the viewpoint on the world, and light comes in differently through old glass. Rather than change windows, find other ways to insulate for heat efficiency." Elegant moldings are an ongoing chore, and they have been repaired as needed. There is always a project going on, and it is all being done with respect for history and the integrity of the house. It is difficult to find

day 365 days a year for over 65 years. In the last 3 years we have responded to approximately 1,080 calls. We provide this service free of charge to residents and visitors of Rumson, and, because of our volunteer services, the residents of Rumson do not see an adverse increase in their taxes because we are not required to hire a paid staff for the medical treatment that our volunteers provide.

We have been extremely busy over the past few months working to maintain our medical qualifications. For example, we have been working with the State of New Jersey and other agencies to certify our Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) on the Rumson Squad to carry EpiPens on our ambulances. An EpiPen is a special device for people that go into severe life threatening shock due to an allergic reactions to foods (such as peanuts), insect stings and medications, among other causes. The State of New Jersey has recently changed the law to enable Rumson and other first aid squads to carry EpiPens, and we have been very proactive to certify our squad in order to provide this service.

Our New Ambulance Committee has been working hard all summer to develop a set of technical specifications and bidding instructions so that we can begin the process of purchasing a new ambulance. The new ambulance is expected to cost approximately \$175,000 and will replace our older ambulance, which has been in service since 1992. If we are successful in getting our bidding instructions and technical specifications out by the end of the year, it should take approximately 9 months before the new ambulance goes into service. We are extremely grateful to Mayor Ekdahl, the Borough Council and to all of the citizens of Rumson for assisting us as we procure the necessary funds to purchase this vital piece of equipment. We are still working very diligently to keep the costs and expenses low without sacrificing service or reliability.

We would also like to highlight one of our members, Steve Lang. Steve began volunteering as a cadet when he was in high school. After graduation he became a full member, and his annual response rate to calls for assistance was one of the highest of the squad. Steve joined the Marines and is currently serving in Iraq. Recently, Steve was home for approximately 2 weeks, and, during his leave from Iraq, he continued to be active in responding to emergency calls with the Rumson First Aid Squad. What an amazing, giving and loyal person Steve is – and how lucky is Rumson to have a person like that volunteering his time for the sake of his neighbors *while on leave from a war zone!* The care package we are currently putting together for Steve and his unit cannot even begin to show him our appreciation – but we plan on trying!

We will be mailing our 2007 – 2008 fund drive letter shortly, and donations can be made either directly to the First Aid Squad or indirectly through the Rumson Endowment Fund (please specify funds that are for the use of the First Aid Squad). The donations that are made to the First Aid Squad go a long way to help us supplement our operating budget, namely the procurement of medical supplies and equipment, training and providing for the maintenance of our building. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

If a current Rumson First Aid member can find the time to respond to first aid calls while on 2 weeks of leave from service in Iraq, then surely other members of the community can sacrifice a few hours a month to join the Rumson First Aid Squad in order to help our fellow Rumson residents. We always welcome new members to join the Rumson First Aid Squad. If you are over the age of 16, please visit us at www.rumsonems.org, or call us at 732-741-0474.

DOG LICENSES

Dog Licenses expire on December 31, 2007.

There will no longer be a Dog License Renewal form in the BOROUGH BULLETIN. Renewals and new licenses must be applied for at Borough Hall during the month of January, 2008. In order for a new license to be issued, rabies shots must be valid through October 31, 2008.

Please keep in mind that a \$5.00 per month late fee will be assessed on every dog license issued after January 31, 2008.

Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHEDULE OF FREE RABIES CLINICS FALL 2007

**MONMOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION #1
1540 WEST PARK AVENUE, OCEAN TWP., NJ 07712**

PHONE: 732-493-9520 FAX: 732-493-9521

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Thu. Nov 1	Highlands Firehouse, 171 Bay Ave.	7pm – 8pm
Sat. Nov. 3	Spring Lake Hts. Firehouse, Essex & 700 6th Ave.	10am - 11am
Thu. Nov. 15	Rumson Public Works Garage, (behind Boro Hall)	7pm – 8pm
Sat. Nov. 17	Holmdel Twp DPW, Crawfords Corner Rd.	8:30am-10:30am
Sat. Jan. 5	Tinton Falls DPW Bldg., 566 Tinton Ave.	10am - 11am
Tue. Jan. 15	Brielle Fire Hall, 509 Longstreet Ave.	7pm – 8pm

**PLEASE HAVE DOGS ON A LEASH AND CATS IN A CARRIER.
ANIMALS MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT.**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT (732) 493-9520

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH



On October 11, 2007, the Rumson Fire Department welcomed residents to our firehouses in honor of Fire Prevention Month.

RUMSON FIRE DEPARTMENT

There are many people I need to thank for making this year as your fire chief a successful one. First I need to thank all the fire officers who have served you all with pride and dignity this year: Assistant Chief Joe Ward, Captains Mike Trivett and Darren Berry, Lieutenants Paul Halligan, Tim Leonard, Justin Bradley, Scott Bradley, Claire Peluso, Robert Anderson and Engineer Robert Marass Jr. Second, thanks to a very cooperative and sincere fire committee, Mayor John Ekdahl, Commissioner Robert Kammerer and Committee Member Shaun Broderick. If not for their dedication to public safety, we as a fire department would not be able to provide you with the level of service you have come to expect and truly deserve.

Though fall is my most favorite time of the year with the cooler nights and baseball playoffs, it is also the fire department's busiest. So, please have your furnaces serviced and your chimnies cleaned. Trust me, we will be there, but none of us wants to spend game seven of the World Series or a football filled Sunday putting out a fire in a chimney that has not been cleaned in years. As the holidays approach, I would like everyone to celebrate in a robust but safe manner. Please Don't leave your turkeys and oh so good holiday meals unattended in the oven. If your decorations for the holidays

need to be plugged into a wall socket and are old and worn, please consider the risk vs. reward in using them this year. Old lighting sets used on Christmas trees and unattended candles are the most common causes for fire during these times of joy, so please use common sense and be careful.

On a final note: don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors; this simple little task can save your life one day. When you turn your clocks back, change your batteries. What an easy way to remember this important task.

Enjoy this holiday season!

Chief James Fenn

Rumson Fire Department

OCEANIC FREE LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S ROOM RENOVATIONS

We are in the midst of a capital campaign to improve the Children's Room, and donations are still being sought. We are literally camping in the Library with boxes everywhere. Somehow, the needs of our patrons are being met, and we have rearranged many areas in order to accommodate the renovation process. Hopefully, everything will be back in place soon. The Children's Room will have flying objects on the ceiling, a castle window seat and a new rug depicting stone pathways, grass and water. The room will have a large aquarium on one side which will divide the Children's Room from the Main Room of the building.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: EVERY TUESDAY

- Baby Storytime Series-Ages 10 months to 2 years (with parent/caregiver) 10:00-10:20 am
- Toddler Storytime Series-Ages 2-3 (with parent/caregiver) 10:30-10:50 am
- Preschool Storytime Series-Ages 3-5 11:00-11:30 am
- School Age Programs-Grades K-5 3:30-4:15 pm

ARTWORK ON DISPLAY

During the month of October, Dr. Roy Carman loaned his artworks for the walls, and Michelle Tawil had a display in the showcase. Coming up for November will be the creations of Connelle Mueller and her students. For the month of December, John Salvi's art will adorn our walls, and Donna Ryan-Kocun will fill the showcase.

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday/Thursday 1:00 pm-7:00 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Saturdays 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Closed:Election Day-Nov. 6, Veteran's Day-Nov. 12,

Thanksgiving-from 1:00 pm Nov.21-23, Christmas-Dec. 24 - 26,

December 31 and January 1 New Year's Day

- Book Club meets fourth week of the month. Call Library for details.
- Knitting Group meets Friday afternoons at 2:00 pm. All skill levels welcome.
- We accept books that are in brand-new condition. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE BOOKS OUTSIDE, because the weather will ruin them.

Oceanic Free Library 732-842-2692

RUMSON RECREATION

Registration for **winter recreation basketball** continues at the Borough Hall Mondays through Fridays from 8:30AM-4:30PM. This program is for children who are in grades 1-8. Registrations are due no later than 4:30PM October 12, 2007. Registrations received after 4:30PM October 12 may be placed on a wait list if team rosters are full. There is a \$10 late fee for each registered child after 4:30PM

October 12, 2007. Children in grades 1&2 may participate in Saturday morning clinics that are held in the Deane-Porter all-purpose room. The program begins on December 8, 2007 and runs through February 2, 2008. Children in first grade should report at 9AM, and children in second grade should report at 10:00AM. Children in grades 3-8 are placed on teams which practice during the week and play games on Friday evenings and Saturdays. Coaches will call parents to inform them regarding the placement of their children and information regarding the practice and game schedules. This program will begin the week of November 19, 2007 and run through March 8, 2008. The dates are subject to change.

Baseball, softball and tee ball registration forms will be distributed through the schools in late December. Please note that the leagues we enter may require an earlier registration deadline. Please register no later than January 18, 2008 for the baseball, softball and tee ball programs.

Girls lacrosse (grades 3-8) and the **Lacrosse Co-ed Clinic** (grades K-2) will conduct two onsite registrations in January. The dates and times will be announced through the schools, on the website (www.rumsonnj.gov) and on the community bulletin board at the corner of Bingham Avenue and River Road. Please watch for this announcement.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Halloween Parade starts on Sunday, October 28, at 3:00 pm in front of Forrestdale School. The Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School Marching Band will start off the festivities at the front of the parade. After the costumed revelers finish their trek, the Halloween Party will begin at the school. The Recreation Commission would like to thank the large number of volunteers who help to make this a very special party for our youngest residents. Special thanks to the members of the Rumson Senior Citizens Club for helping to decorate and much, much more. Also helping will be 7th and 8th Graders fulfilling their community service requirement by working on the Halloween Party.

RUMSON VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY

Our 2006 Veterans' Day Ceremony will take place at Victory Park on November 11, 2007 at 11:00 am. Veterans' Day is a holiday observed annually in honor of all of those, living and dead, who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Please plan to join Rumson's Vets as we honor all of our Veterans on this special day.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

The following five pamphlets are available at the Borough Hall entrance as an informational source for residents on "Proper Mulching Techniques", "Tree Values", "Tree Selection", "Avoiding Tree Damage During Construction" and "Treatment of Trees Damaged During Construction".

"The Shade Tree" is a bi-monthly bulletin published by the NJ Shade Tree Federation. In the May/June issue, Mary Ferraro's article on Tree Ordinances in New Jersey states, "A tree ordinance is an expression of citizen concerns about trees and their intrinsic value along with pride in one's community. Some benefits of a tree ordinance are:

- Encourage aesthetic continuity through planned management
- May help citizens to preserve trees in the path of development

- Can protect streamside buffers and even historically significant trees
- Provide summertime cooling and year round air purification

DID YOU KNOW?

- A mature shade tree absorbs 8 lbs. of air pollution every year!
- A municipal tree ordinance is required for a community to be designated a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation.
- Mulch volcanoes cause many problems for trees.

MONMOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION #1

FLU/PNEUMONIA immunizations will be offered to anyone over 18 years of age. The cost for Non-Medicare eligible participants will be \$23.00 for the flu shot and \$28.00 for the pneumonia shot.

Eligible Medicare Participants Having Part B (medical) Insurance need just present their Medicare card. No other insurance is accepted.

Any changes will be posted on our website mcrhc.org.

The Commission will make every effort to adhere to clinic schedule, but retains the right, due to circumstances beyond our control, to modify eligibility requirements, time, dates, and/or cancel clinics as directed or needed.

FLU / PNEUMONIA CLINIC SCHEDULE – 2007

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Thu. Nov. 1	Senior Center, 2nd St., Keyport	10 am – 11:30 am
Thu. Nov. 1	New Point Fire Co., 192 Carr Ave., Keansburg	1 pm - 2 pm
Fri. Nov. 2	Fairway Mews, 2 Locust Way, Spring Lake Hts.	10 am - 12
Mon. Nov. 5	RB Senior Center, 80 Shrewsbury Ave., Red Bank	9 am - 12
Mon. Nov. 5	Lunch Break, Red Bank	12noon - 1 pm
Wed. Nov. 7	Boro Hall, 22 Beach Rd., Monmouth Beach	11 am - 1 pm
Thu. Nov. 8	Holmdel Senior Ctr., 4 Crawford's Corner Rd.	10:30 am - 12
Fri. Nov. 9	Curtis House, Union Lane, Brielle	1 pm – 3 pm
Tues. Nov. 13	Community Center, 68 Broad St., Eatontown	10 am – 12
Wed. Nov. 14	West Park Rec. Ctr., West Park Ave., Ocean Twp.	1 pm – 2 pm
Thu. Nov. 15	PTAK Towers, 215 Shore Dr., Highlands	11 am – 12
Fri. Nov. 16	Boro Hall, 100 Grassmere Ave., Interlaken	11 am – 12
Fri. Nov. 16	Boro Hall, 125 Corlies Ave., Allenhurst	2 pm – 3 pm
Mon. Nov. 19	Community Ctr., Crawford St., Shrewsbury	11 am - 12
Wed. Nov. 21	Boro Hall, 1167 Ocean Ave., Sea Bright	12 - 1 pm
Tues. Nov. 27	SCAN Lower Level, Monmouth Mall	10 am - 11 am

CENTENNIAL SOUVENIRS

It is still possible to purchase Rumson Centennial merchandise. Stop in at Borough Hall to purchase souvenirs of our 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Rumson Logo Hats

Centennial T-Shirts

(Sizes: Youth Small, Medium & Large

Adult Small, Medium & Large)

Tote Bags

Silk Neckties

Replica Postcard Sets

Decals

Large Flags

Small Flags

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE

November and December, no brush pick ups.

Final leaf pick up December 31st

Each fall, the Rumson DPW picks up over 8,500 cubic yards of leaves at the curb and takes them to a County approved farm site. On the farm, they are tilled into the soil to improve next spring's crop. Leaf collection is always a race against the clock to have all streets clear before winter snow. In order for the DPW to collect leaves efficiently, there is **no brush picked up during November and December** (all equipment and workers concentrate on leaf removal). **All leaves must be raked to the curb (loose and free of debris/sticks/bags) from mid October-December 31st for pick up.** Thank you for your cooperation during this busy season.

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The last event of our Centennial celebration will be the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony in Victory Park. The event will take place on Sunday, December 2 starting at 5:30 pm. We have special plans including music and an exciting Holiday Surprise never done at a Rumson Tree Lighting before! Refreshments will be provided. The Sunday date and earlier start time were selected in order to encourage a large crowd to come out for this true Rumson family event. Come join your friends and neighbors for a good time visiting, enjoying the performances and singing along in Victory Park.





RUMSON SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Members began the new season with a warm welcome from President Vivian McCormick. Because the opening meeting fell on Jeanne Cuje's birthday, Jeanne brought a birthday cake to celebrate with the 44 members in attendance. Best wishes were extended to all who celebrated a September birthday. The group reminisced about their summer activities, and a letter of thanks was read from Theresa Hartman, the granddaughter of Diane Cross and recipient of our 2007 Scholarship.

The major event of the season is the annual Holiday Bazaar, the club's only fundraiser. Carolyn Ott volunteered to be chairperson, co-chaired by Peg Connor. The Bazaar will take place at Wilson Hall, Rumson First Presbyterian Church, on Saturday, November 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The main feature is the Chinese Auction which will be chaired by Lillian Haines. Maureen Shires, Mary Ann Johnston, Diane Cross and Peg Horn are in charge of the raffle items: a 20" HD LCD Color T.V. donated by Vivian McCormick, Rosemary Hulse and Jeanne Cuje (value \$500.00); a beautiful handmade and decorated dollhouse donated once again by Irmgard Thompson (value \$350.00); and three large food baskets (valued at \$50.00 each) which are donated by the members.

The following members will chair the various tables: Handmade Items, Doris Robinson and Edna Ruscio; Almost New, Jan Anacone and Jane Rumolo; Jewelry, Elizabeth Vallis and Mary Calabretta; Christmas, Dolores Ryan and Irmgard Thompson; Cake, Emily Wagner, Margaret Green and Gloria Bush; Kitchen, Jean Strohmenger, Vienna King and Rose Malaspina; 50/50, John Kondrup, Tom Merkel and Bob Johnston; Publicity, Jeanne Cuje. The Community has always supported this event, and we urge you to mark your calendar so that you don't miss our Holiday Bazaar.

For personal reasons, 2nd Vice President, Bill Scalzo, wrote a letter of resignation. Marge Bergman will serve out his two year term. Members wish Bill only the best and look forward to seeing him again at future meetings.

1st Vice President, Lillian Haines, is in charge of in-house activities. At the September social meeting, she invited Andrea Armstrong to speak about "Home instead of Senior Care." It was a truly informative program. The October social will include the annual Halloween Party. There will be prizes for both costumes and decorated pumpkins. The three categories will be prettiest, funniest and most original. Winners will be announced in the next bulletin.

On October 15th, members went to the Tides in Patterson to enjoy Oktoberfest. This trip is always a highlight of the year.

Members offer sincere condolences to John Kondrup in the loss of his brother George and sister in law, Mary; also Emily Wagner and Margaret Green in the loss of their sister Elizabeth.

President McCormick invites all Rumson residents, their family members and friends, 55 and over, to join our active, fun filled club. The annual dues are \$10.00 and meetings are held bi-monthly on the second and fourth Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in Wilson Hall, Rumson First Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeanne Cuje

Publicity Chairman

Meeting Dates:

November 12 & 26

November 17th Holiday Bazaar

December 10 Meeting

December 14 Holiday Luncheon – Salt Creek

January 7 & 21

If a meeting must be cancelled due to inclement weather, members will be notified.



craftsmen who will work on old buildings. Peggy's feeling is, "If the workmen don't like old, you thank them very much for coming and find someone who understands old houses." Antiques fill the rooms, and there is a lived-in warmth that makes the vastness of the house cozy. Doug and Peggy Love have raised two daughters here. Ingrid, an RFH alumna of the Class of 1987, was married to Dr. Peter Harding at a ceremony in the gardens. The Harding family has recently returned to the area and is in residence at The Point. Ashley, a 2002 graduate of RFH, finished college last year and has embarked upon a career as an assistant sailing coach at Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

The two sections of The Point are approximately 113 years old, and, although the views from their ornate windows are different from what they once were, the houses are still a testament to fine design and the love and devotion of the families who have had the good fortune to live their lives within.

In a future issue, we will get back to The Point, the other Point, and trace its years as a family home, its second removal and its current existence as an integral part of the Rumson social scene.



The original ornate windows of 77 Waterman Avenue.

RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

SAFETY REMINDERS

Fall is here, and the leaves will be coming down. Please remember to watch the roads, especially when it rains. Wet leaves are very slippery, so be careful when driving, bicycling, jogging and walking. We have been receiving a lot of speeding complaints. We would ask that all Rumson residents do their part by obeying all traffic laws and reporting any aggressive drivers. Now that school is back in session, we will be stepping up traffic enforcement in and around the schools. Remember that this is for the safety of our children. This is also the time of year when the squirrels are busy filling their nests with acorns, and the deer are thinking of things other than traffic. We need to be alert as we drive in order to prevent animal accidents.

Bicycle safety is important. Bicycle riders must obey stop sign laws and are required by law to ride with, not against, traffic. Lights on the front of bicycles are required, and children under the age of 14 must wear helmets when riding their bikes. Cyclists, joggers, rollerbladers and walkers who are out in the evening or early morning hours are reminded that it is required by law that they wear reflective clothing.

Lastly, with Halloween here, the Rumson Police would like to remind you that trick or treaters should be accompanied by at least one adult or, if over 14 years of age, be in a group of three or more. Flashlights and reflective costumes are also recommended, and staying on the sidewalk is a must. The Police Department has been conducting Halloween safety talks at Deane-Porter School and handing out light sticks courtesy of the Rumson PBA. On Halloween Eve, October 30, there is a curfew of 6:00PM for anyone under 18 years of age. On Halloween, the curfew is 8:00PM. If anyone would like assistance in preparing for Halloween, please feel free to contact any member of the Police Department.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Wear light colored clothing that is short enough to prevent tripping, and add reflective tape to the sides, front and back of the costume.
- Make sure that children can see well through face masks, or, instead of masks, use cosmetics to create funny or scary faces.
- Adults should accompany young children.
- Go out in daylight, and carry a flashlight in case of delay.
- Stay within the neighborhood, and only visit homes you know.
- Watch out for traffic.
- Only give and accept wrapped or packaged candy.
- Examine all candy before allowing children to eat it.
- Keep costumed children away from pets. Pets may not recognize the child and become frightened.
- Avoid hard plastic or wood props such as daggers or swords. Substitute with foam rubber, which is soft and flexible.

TO ALL PARENTS

Please help us help your children by enforcing the laws pertaining to underage alcohol usage. It is a problem that concerns our Police Department and our Community, and we need your help in order to keep our young people safe. If anyone is having any problems or has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of our Juvenile Officers who are available for your assistance. (732) 842-0500

SCHOOL IS IN SESSION...DRIVE CAREFULLY!

School bus laws exist to protect children getting on and off the school bus and to protect motorists from tragedy.

- Motorists coming toward a school bus from either direction should stop when the school bus displays its lights and the stop signal arm. The lights and signals indicate that children will be getting on or off the school bus.
- Motorists may not pass a school bus until both the flashing RED and YELLOW lights are turned off.
- Never pass on the right side of a school bus. This is where the children enter and exit the bus.
- Slow down and watch for children walking in the road, especially if there are not sidewalks.
- Be aware of children playing and congregating near bus stops. Sometimes they enter the street suddenly.
- Be ALERT! Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking both ways for traffic.
- Children expect vehicles to stop for them at a school bus stop and often walk into the road without looking.
- Please be extremely careful since children sometimes can not see around the school bus.

Thank you, and have a safe autumn.

The Rumson Police Department

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Borough of Rumson is in the final stages of commissioning a new Emergency Alerting System (EAS) which is intended to replace existing siren systems. Existing sirens, other than that which is on the Borough Hall structure, will be left in place for back-up purposes. The new system will have remote radio control of tones and voice commands for: fire, EMS, school closings, Civil Defense emergencies and flood warnings. There will be three locations at: the Borough Hall pump station, Avenue of Two Rivers South and Club Way. More information, including information on the tones that will be used, can be found on the Borough of Rumson website: www.rumsonnj.gov.

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OCTOBER

28 HALLOWEEN PARADE AND PARTY, FORRESTDALE SCHOOL, 3:00 pm
30 Halloween Eve Curfew: 6:00 pm for anyone under 18
31 Halloween Curfew: 8:00 pm for anyone under 18

NOVEMBER

1 & 15 Borough Council, 7:30 pm
4 Women's Club Luncheon/Fashion show, Branches, 11:30 pm
5 Planning Board, 7:30 pm
5 Women's Club, Bingham Hall, 7:30
7 Shade Tree Commission, 4:00 pm
11 Veterans' Day Ceremonies, Victory Park, 11:00 am
12 VETERANS' DAY: NO GARBAGE COLLECTION, BOROUGH HALL AND LIBRARY CLOSED
12 & 26 Senior Citizens Club, Presbyterian Church, 10:00 am
17 Rumson Senior Citizens Club Holiday Bazaar, Presbyterian Church, 10:00 am-2:30 pm
20 Zoning Board, 7:30 pm
21 Recreation Commission, 7:30 pm
22 & 23 THANKSGIVING DAY: NO GARBAGE COLLECTION, BOROUGH HALL AND LIBRARY CLOSED

DECEMBER

3 Planning Board, 7:30 pm
3 Women's Club Holiday Dinner, Bingham Hall, 6:30 pm
5 Shade Tree Commission, 4:00 pm
6 & 20 Borough Council, 7:30 pm
10 Senior Citizens Club, Presbyterian Church, 10:00 am
14 Senior Citizens Club Holiday Luncheon, Salt Creek Grille
18 Zoning Board, 7:30 pm
19 Recreation Commission, 7:30 pm
24 & 25 CHRISTMAS: NO GARBAGE COLLECTION, BOROUGH HALL AND LIBRARY CLOSED

JANUARY

1 New Year's Day: NO GARBAGE COLLECTION, BOROUGH HALL AND LIBRARY CLOSED
2 Shade Tree Commission, 4:00 pm
7 Planning Board, 7:30 pm
7 Women's Club, Bingham Hall, 7:30
7 & 21 Senior Citizens Club, Presbyterian Church, 10:00 am
8 & 22 Borough Council
15 Zoning Board
16 Recreation Commission
21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: NO GARBAGE COLLECTION, BOROUGH HALL AND LIBRARY CLOSED

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